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PATENT DEPARTMENT

6600 SEARS TOWER

233 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE

**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606** 

**GROUP ART UNIT: 3629** 

**SERIAL NO.:** 

09/728,741

EXAMINER: Edward R. Cosimano

FILED:

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TITLE:

"FRANKING METHOD AND APPARATUS"

**AMENDMENT "A"** 

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

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TOTAL CLAIMS	*19	MINUS	**21	X 2	( ) X 9.00 ( ) X 18.00	\$
INDEP. CLAIMS	+3	MINUS	3	x	( ) X 40.00 ( ) X 80.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				(') YES	( ) \$135.00 ( ) \$270.00 ONE TIME	

If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space.
 Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_ months so that the period for response is extended to \_\_\_\_\_. A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
 A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached.
 A check for \$\_\_\_\_ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached
 A check for \$\_\_\_\_ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
 When phoning re this application, please call (312) 258-5500.

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In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2005, Applicant herewith amends the application as follows.